

205 Live – September 19, 2017: More Than One Way To Cruiser Some Weights

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It's the go home show for No Mercy and its one cruiserweight match. As usual it's for the Cruiserweight Title and as usual it's Neville defending the title. This time it's against Enzo Amore and they'll be going face to face tonight. Other than that we have the fallout from Jack Gallagher turning heel to join Brian Kendrick last week. Let's get to it.

We look at Enzo's debut and rise to the top of 205 Live, despite the fans starting to sour on him at least a little bit. This also includes Braun Strowman attacking him last night and leaving Neville to pick the bones.

Opening sequence.

Cedric Alexander vs. Brian Kendrick

Kendrick tries an early boot but gets elbowed in the face to start, followed by a baseball slide for good measure. Back in and the springboard clothesline misses so Kendrick knees him in the face for two. A butterfly suplex sets up a chinlock on Cedric for a bit, followed by a Japanese armdrag to send him into the corner again. That means a straitjacket hold but Cedric fights up again and hits the springboard clothesline. Kendrick is right back up with a kick to the ribs and Sliced Bread #2, only to have Cedric reverse into a rollup for the pin at 5:27.

Rating: C-. Not bad here and Cedric winning was the right call. Cedric continues to be one of the best stars around here and a nice addition to any show. Kendrick and Gallagher could be a good heel tandem but Gulak seems to be the star instead of Kendrick, which isn't the biggest

surprise in the world.

Post match Kendrick runs his mouth, allowing Gallagher to run in for the double beatdown.

Post break, Gallagher says he saw the scars on his face after his loss to Kendrick and realized he would rather be a winner than a joke.

Here's Drew Gulak, with new music (thank goodness) to complain about his time in fashion jail last week. Breezango will be hearing from his attorney, which happens to be him. That brings him to last week, where he was interrupted while explaining his vision for a better 205 Live. After comparing himself to Galileo (another genius whose brilliant theory was held down), we continue the PowerPoint presentation! Slide #6 (of 277): no cell phones! Cue Akira Tozawa to cut him off again though and it's time for a match.

Noam Dar vs. Akira Tozawa

Gulak is on commentary and ripping on Titus O'Neil. Tozawa starts fast with the backplash but Dar kicks the legs out and starts working on the leg (Gulak: "NOW he has a reason to scream!"). Tozawa fights up without too much effort and sends Gulak outside for a suicide dive. A running European uppercut gives Dar two but an enziguri puts him right back down. The top rope backplash puts Dar away at 4:01.

Rating: D+. Too short to mean much here but it advanced the feud well enough and it's not like Dar means anything in the first place. Tozawa is still one of the top stars on the roster and can be used to make someone like Gulak, who hasn't had the most success. At least he has a character now and that could go somewhere if they use it properly.

We recap Rich Swann defeating TJP last week.

TJP congratulates Swann for the win last week and says they have great chemistry together. Swann agrees but thinks they'll get a bit too intense. He already has Lince Dorado tonight anyway, which TJP understands.

Rich Swann vs. Lince Dorado

And never mind as Dorado is laid out in the back. Swann goes to see what's up and gets taken out by TJP. He even rips out part of Swann's hair and drops him over the barricade.

Here's Neville for the big closing talk. He talks about this Sunday's card, which will include some big matches and one comedy match as he destroys Enzo Amore once and for all. Enzo thinks he's ready to step up to his world and it's time for Neville to knock him down. Cue Enzo with a taped up shoulder but Neville cuts him off, accusing Enzo of "spelling like a chicken".

Enzo thinks Neville is jealous, which Neville finds funny when he's better in every conceivable way. That's true actually, but Enzo is twice the superstar that Neville will ever be. The fans aren't sure what to think of that so Enzo rants about all of his merchandise and hanging out with celebrities.

Neville is a big fish in a small pond and Enzo is the shark that's invaded the water. Neville doesn't care about any of that because Enzo just can't fight. Enzo says that's true and kicks Neville low to end the show. So to recap, Enzo says he can't wrestle and doesn't really care about winning things because it's all about making money and hanging with celebrities. And he's the good guy in this whole thing?

Overall Rating: D+. Not a great show this week but it sets up some stuff for the future. Above all else, there are multiple stories going on at the moment and it makes for some good stuff. I'm worried about Enzo winning the title as all signs seem to point to it, though I'm really not sure if they'll go through with it. I know it sounded great on paper for the last several months but sweet goodness it's not doing much for me in reality. This wasn't the best show but it laid some much needed ground work, which is much more important.

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